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**Message:** Patrick W. Breslin, Et. al.  
Serial No. 09/884706  
Title: "Door Latching System"

This is in response to the Notices issued on December 11, 2001 and December 26, 2001 in response to Applicant's Request for Corrected Filing Receipt. Copies of which are enclosed.

In the Notices it is noted that Applicant must submit a petition under 37 CFR § 1.10 in order to change a filing date. Applicant has complied by filing a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt along with a copy of the Express Mail label dated June 19, 2001. A copy of the Request as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 2001 is enclosed.

Ms. Burse is invited to contact us at (310) 201-3585 should she have any questions.

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Patrick W. Breslin, et al.

Serial No. 09/884706

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: DOOR LATCHING  
SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Dear Sir:

This is with respect to the official filing receipt dated August 13, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application, a copy of which is enclosed.

We have reviewed the official filing receipt and have noted an error in the filing date. The filing receipt should reflect the correct filing date of June 19, 2001 and not June 20, 2001 as set forth in the enclosed filing receipt.

Section 1.10(a) provides, in pertinent part:

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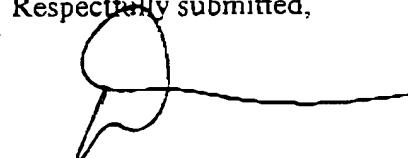
37 C.F.R. § 1.10(a) (emphasis added).

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Applicant respectfully requests correction accordingly to reflect the correct filing date of June 19, 2001 and a new filing receipt issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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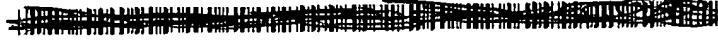
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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